CLAIM

	1.	A membrane probing assembly comprising:
	(a)	a probe card with conductors supported
5		thereon, wherein said conductors include
		at least a signal conductor located
		between a pair of spaced apart guard
		conductors;
10	(b)	a membrane assembly including a membrane
		with contacts thereon, and supporting at
		least a signal conductor located between a
		pair of spaced apart guard conductors;
	(C)	said guard conductors of said probe card
		are electrically interconnected proximate
15		the interconnection between said probe
		card and said membrane assembly; and
	(d)	said guard conductors of said membrane
		assembly are electrically interconnected
		proximate the interconnection between said
20		probe card and said membrane assembly.